

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13 and 14 are pending in the application, and are rejected. Claims 1, 7 and 11 are herein amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13 and 14 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

The Examiner notes that claims 1, 7 and 11 recite a polyester resin comprising a first crosslinked polyester resin and a second “non crosslinked” polyester resin. The Examiner argues that the limitation of the second “non crosslinked” polyester resin is new matter.

Applicants herein clarify the claims by limiting the second polyester resin to only those described on page 24, Table 1 of the specification. The specific second polyester resins are now limited to disclosed Polyesters 2-1 to 2-25.

Therefore, claims 1, 7 and 11 should now be sufficiently clarified to overcome the rejections. Further, because claims 3-6, 9-10, 13 and 14 are dependent from claims 1, 7 and 11 and naturally include at least the parent limitations, Applicants submit that these claims are now sufficiently clarified to have overcome their respective rejections.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as presently amended and clarified, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

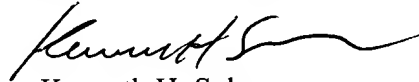
If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants’ undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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